

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 6, 8, 10-11 and 15-16 have been amended. Claim 9 has been cancelled. Claims 1-8 and 10-16 are pending and under consideration. Claims 2- 5 and 7 are allowed.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112/STATUS OF CLAIMS 11-14 AND 16

At item 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 11-14 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the §112 rejections set forth in the Office Action. However, no such rejections were included in the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Independent claim 1 (used herein as an example) recites the clutch comprising first and second portions respectively in contact with the first and second outer surfaces of the link housing so that the link housing is between the first and second portions. In contrast, Hsieh teaches a torque limiter 39 and a pick arm 34. However, the pick arm 34 is not between first and second portions of the torque limiter 39. Hsieh, FIG. 3.

Embry does not overcome these deficiencies in Hsieh, and is not relied on by the Examiner to do so.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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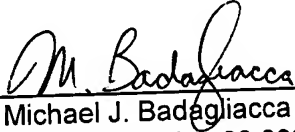
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